



Newfoundland and Labrador Pharmacy Board

At their meeting on May 5, 2017, the Newfoundland and Labrador Pharmacy Board approved the following changes to the Provincial Drug Schedules:

1. Human papillomavirus vaccine

To reflect the latest advice from NAPRA:

Due to the way vaccines are listed in the Provincial Drug Schedules, pharmacists often have questions regarding the scheduling status of certain vaccines. Specifically, questions have often arisen regarding herpes zoster (shingles) vaccine and human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine since they were not specifically listed. To address this concern, in February 2016, based on advice from NAPRA, both vaccines were added to the document under Schedule I.

Due to changes to routine immunization programs in several provinces, NAPRA has recently revised this advice, and as such, the following change to the provincial drug schedules is recommended:

Move from Schedule I to Schedule II: human papillomavirus vaccine

Herpes zoster (shingles) vaccine is currently part of the routine program only in Ontario and would therefore not meet the criteria for Schedule II. Subsequently, shingles vaccine will remain in Schedule I at this time.